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Arson suspected in recent fires

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

When the colder weather strikes firefighters know they will see an increase in calls. Anything from broken water pipes to accidents and even structure fires will keep them busy. But at least three fires last week have raised some concerns. Now the fire officials want to try to put a stop to any mischief before it gets more dangerous.

Arson investigations have been started on a couple fires, while a third is being looked at closer. All three of the fires occurred in the Beech Fork/Pompeii Road areas.

The rash of questionable fires began just after midnight on Sunday, Jan. 19. Fire personnel from all three of

Powell County's volunteer departments were dispatched to a home on Tharpe Ridge Road. That road runs at the end of Pompeii Road between where the Beechfork Reservoir is located and Paint Creek Road. Fire officials believed that the fire might have started due to a faulty outlet on the porch. But now officials have ruled the fire's cause as "undetermined." The home was a total loss and fire fighting efforts were hampered due to the lack of water sources in that area.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21 fire officials responded to another structure fire. This one was located on Brack Blythe Road. The last fire that caught firefighters attention occurred last Wednesday.

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Photo submitted by SFD/MFFD

This uninhabited trailer on Beechfork Road went up in flames last week and was one of three fires in a short distance from each other. Arson investigators believe this one to have been intentionally set and are investigating several other fires.

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Hear ye!

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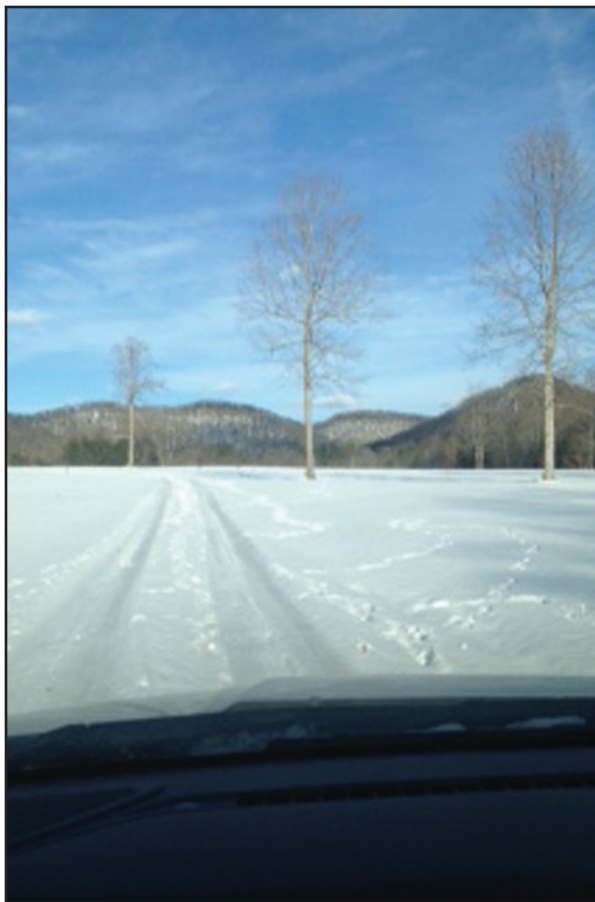


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Cold, but beautiful

Photos by Debbi Rose
Last week's double dose of Old Man Winter poured almost six inches of snow on Powell County and has kept kids out of school for over seven straight days. The photo on the right vividly shows why as many roads and driveways were covered by ice and snow. Of course not all of the white stuff was bad, as the photo on the left also displays the beauty of a snowfall in the Hardwick's Creek area of the county. We have more winter pictures on page A14.



Pergram sentenced to 10 years for robbery first

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

A Powell County woman will have to serve 10 years after a judge denied her request to withdraw her guilty plea.

Powell Circuit Judge Frank Fletcher sentenced Leann Pergram last Wednesday to the sentence she agreed to last month. Pergram took a plea deal in three cases against her, the biggest one being a robbery first charge.

Pergram pled guilty in the case of an assault and robbery of 84-year-old James Todd at his residence on Main Street in Stanton in July 2012. During that robbery, Todd was struck in the head with a metal pipe. Todd had to be hospitalized for his injuries. Later in November 2012 Todd died but the assault was not listed as the cause of death.

Pergram also faced introducing contraband charges and bribing a witness charges, in which she

took money from someone to help their case. When she pled guilty last month it was for all three cases. The other two charges were given sentences of one year each to run concurrent with the robbery sentence.

Pergram admitted to her guilt in open court on Dec. 13 and when asked several times if she knew what she was agreeing to by Judge Fletcher she acknowledged that she did. At one point she admitted to striking Todd and taking money from his wallet.

However, at the hearing last Wednesday Pergram's attorney, Lisa Whisman, advised the court that her client's story had never changed.

"She has maintained, even in the taped interview, that a wallet was never involved," Whisman said. "She has always maintained that the money was given to her."

However, on the video of her guilty plea from last month when asked if she was pleading guilty for taking Todd's wallet,



Leann Pergram

Pergram acknowledged that she did. Pergram even acknowledged that she was "pleading guilty because (she) was guilty." It is a question Judge Fletcher asks each person who pleads guilty.

On Jan. 8, when Pergram was originally supposed to be sentenced, she arrived late and asked to withdraw her plea. Pergram claimed that her co-defendant, whose case had been dismissed, would testify on her behalf. Pergram told the court that she felt

nervous because of the cameras in the courtroom when she pled guilty. She accepted the deal as some of those arrested in Operation ROC on that same day were brought to the courtroom for arraignment. Lexington television crews were on hand, as was the Times.

However, sources indicate that Pergram had accepted the deal at least two days before the Dec. 13 court appearance.

During last week's hearing, Commonwealth Attorney Darrell Herald told the court he felt that Pergram knew what she was doing and was now trying to get out of the deal. He stated that several proposals were discussed and all of the ones the family agreed with dealt with Pergram facing the violent offender status, which meant she would have to serve at least 85 percent of her sentence.

"She entered her plea knowingly and vol-

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CLINIC DEBATE CONTINUES

Last week the Times ran a story about the possible opening of a suboxone clinic in Stanton. At the meeting about this clinic the Times offered to allow each side to present a guest column to explain their views.

This week we have those columns (A11.) While the city, county and the owners try to figure out their next step, you, the community, can read the views from medical professionals and make your own decision & voice your opinion to the proper officials. They want to hear from you.

Clay City approves water rate increase, will rebid the garbage contract

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

Saying that the days of just absorbing a water rate increase have passed, the Clay City Council approved the first reading of a “necessary” rate increase at last Monday’s regular meeting.

“Beechfork notified us last July that an increase was coming,” city attorney Scott Graham explained to the council. “The increase is pretty much to cover the costs of the loans they had to take out with federal agencies to upgrade and make necessary repairs.”

The rate increase that Beechfork Water, which sells water to Clay Clay, passed was 14 cents per 1,000 gallons. They also sell water to Stanton, which approved a one percent increase in water rates to off set their cost; and Powell’s Valley Water District.

“If the city raises the rates 14 cents per 1,000 gallons, which will be 28 cents for the minimum 2,000 gallons we bill, it will cover the cost we are paying now,” Mayor Jimmy Caudill said.

“That increase equals out to about 1.6 percent,” Graham added. “The city is already paying the increase as it went into affect on Jan. 1.”

The council had tabled the issue late last year and had not been able to pass a resolution until now. The council voted 5-0, with councilman Kenny Rice not being present, to approve the increase.

“There was day when the city would just absorb it (the rate increase),” Caudill told the council. “Then before you now it we have to increase rates like a \$1.40 or something. By raising it like this, we won’t have to ask our residents and customers for a huge increase later to catch up.”

The city recently passed a sewer rate increase as the new Red River Wastewater Authority plant opened. The sewer bill that the city had to pay for last month was up \$8,000.

“That was because of the infiltration of water into the system,” Caudill explained. “They have a master meter and it measures what comes into them from us. We need to work on taking care of the water getting into out system.”

Caudill also explained that the RRWWA was willing to work with the city in dealing with water that does not go though meters. “They look at the actual sewage that comes form here and also at what water we have sold and figure the bill. But there are leaks and people filling pools in warmer weather. So we will be talking to them and working on how to deal with that.”

The city usually works out adjustments for customers in those situations. But the city now needs to work out a plan with RRWWA. Adjustments may have to be done every quarter. “We want to help our people as much as we can,” Caudill said.

A special meeting was held this past Monday night. With only four council members present, which is a quorum, the council passed the necessary increase on a 4-0 vote. Council members Ralph Patrick and Jackie Everman were not present for the special meeting.

The council also talked about the garbage contract, which runs out at the end of next month. A Rumpke representative was on hand to see if the city wanted to exercise their contract extension option for two years. However, Rumpke is also asking to increase their rates four percent “across the board.”

That would be a 30 cent increase per month for residents and 54 cents for businesses. But some of the council thought that last time Rumpke bid for the contract that they stated there would be no increase if the two-year extension was granted. Rumpke’s representative said they did not believe that would have been an option. They also noted that they were over \$3



cheaper than the other bidder last time.

The council decided to hold a special meeting to discuss the issue. The contract could be rebid.

At the meeting the council decided to rebid the contract by a 4-0 vote.

“It could come back good or it could come back bad,” Graham told the council.

Carmichael noted that he believed the city and the residents needed to receive some type of concession to go with any increase. Rumpke’s representative said she would ask about throwing in a can for each residence, but she not think the company would do that for a 30 cent increase each month.

Caudill also was asked about trying to find the fifth person for the zoning committee. The council voted last month to place Brian Campbell, Mike Briggs, Matthew Lee and Herb Devary on the committee.

“I believe that either Craig or Misty Ramsey will do it,” Caudill said. “I know they have been approached and said that one of them would do it. We want to move swiftly on this.”

“We have to get the people in place and get a comprehensive plan set up,” Graham noted. “That will take some time but we want to do it right.”

Following the meeting, when asked about the zoning issue, Caudill noted that a comment made during a meeting about a proposed sub-one clinic has made filling the board and getting underway a priority.

At that meeting about the clinic, one of the owners stated that if they had wanted to start the clinic and not have to go through zoning they could have went to Clay City. That clinic, in Stanton, is currently on hold as the zoning and board of adjustments wait to see if the county has an ordinance to stop the clinic.

At the special meeting another name surfaced for the open position on the zoning committee. Caudill submitted the name of Christina Ballard, who had told him she was interested. The council voted in favor of Ballard. A meeting of the new board will be held soon.

The council also voted to approve up to \$1,000 for the Red River Museum for each event they hold this year. Museum director Larry Meadows told the council that two or three events, such as the annual Grist Mill and Engine Festival, are being planned. The money would come from the restaurant tax funds and be used to assist with advertising. “They bring a lot of people in with those events,” councilman Bobby Carmichael stated.

The council voted 5-0 to help the museum.

Richardson request for change of venue denied for now, trial continued

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

The trial of a Powell County woman charged with abusing an adult she was supposed to be taking care of has been continued. That one was on request that Ruby Richardson and her attorney, Lisa Whisman, had granted in Powell Circuit Court last Wednesday. But the motion for a change of venue seems to be on hold.

Richardson has been accused on beating her victim, Mary Rose Swift, along with other allegations of mistreatment. Officers say Swift, who reportedly weighed over 200 pounds last year, was down to 94 pounds when she was found in a home with no heat or food.

Police say Richardson went on the run for nearly two weeks before turning herself in, with a Lexington television crew in tow, on Feb. 18, 2013. She later gave the same station an interview from jail.

Richardson disputes the allegations and denies any wrongdoing.

Richardson has asked that her trial, which was set to begin this past Monday, be moved. Her request was based on pre-trial publicity and past reputations. Whisman and Richardson do not feel that a fair and impartial jury can be found in Powell County.

“There are laws in Kentucky where the court can attempt to seat a jury even if there is a lot of publicity,” Commonwealth Attorney Darrell Herald advised the court. “I ask that we at least make the attempt.”

But Whisman disagreed. “I stand on my motion, I understand Mr. Herald’s stance,” Whisman added, “but there is enough publicity and community sentiment.”

Powell Circuit Judge Frank Fletcher asked if the commonwealth was ready to proceed to trial. Herald admitted that records from the Cabinet of Family Services dealing with the case had not been turned over. Apparently Herald had been advised the records could not be found.

“We know there are records. There was a social worker involved in this case from the beginning, so there has to be records,” Herald advised the court.

Whisman is also waiting for medical records from the victim’s treatment at the hospital.

Fletcher entertained the idea of proceeding without the records, but Whisman respectfully protested.

“There were at least two investigators. One found no wrongdoing and the other has died,” Whisman said. “They are claiming a pattern of conduct and we would like to have those records to show otherwise.”

Whisman continued, as she asked for a continuance, “She (Richardson) is facing a lot of time and I can’t say I’m ready,” Whisman added. “I didn’t expect to get 50 drug cases in December and I just got this case in November.”

After a short break, Fletcher came back with a decision.

“I thought about it and I am inclined to agree with the Commonwealth about the change of venue,” Fletcher said. “We will try to get a jury here.”

As for the continuance, noting that Richardson had been in custody 264 days and is currently on GPS and MCR, Fletcher also made a ruling. “I will grant it reluctantly,” he added. “Ms. Whisman needs those records and we don’t want to jeopardize your case. Besides she is not in custody and its not costing the taxpayer any more money.”

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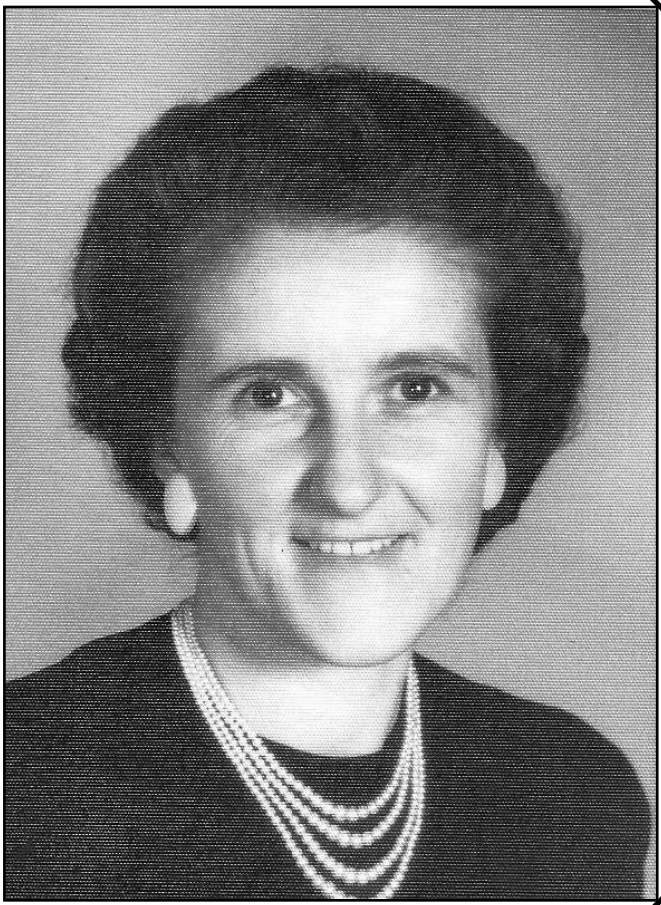


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Mercy Medical Clinic honored

Mercy Medical Clinics earn national recognition for patient-centered care. The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) recently announced that Mercy Medical Clinic of Lee County and Mercy Medical Clinic of Powell County have received recognition from the NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) program for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term relationships. Mercy Primary Care in Irvine received the designation in 2013. Mercy Medical Clinics are a service of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital.

The patient-centered medical home is a model of care emphasizing care coordination and communication to transform primary care into what patients want it to be. Research shows that medical homes can lead to higher quality and lower costs, and can improve patients' and providers' reported experiences of care. The NCQA PCMH

Recognition Program identifies practices that promote partnerships between individual patients and their personal clinicians, rather than treating patient care as the sum of episodic office visits. Each patient's care is delivered by clinician-led care teams that provide all health care needs and coordinate treatments across the health care system. Medical home clinicians demonstrate the benchmarks of patient-centered care, including open scheduling, expanded hours and appropriate use of proven health information systems.

To receive recognition, which is valid for three years, the clinics demonstrated the ability to meet the program's key elements, embodying characteristics of the medical home. Standards align with the joint principles of the patient-centered medical home established with the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy

of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association.

"Our team is dedicated to raising the bar for high-quality care by emphasizing access, health information technology and partnerships between clinicians and patients," said Susan Starling, MWMH President & CEO. "I am proud of this team effort to receive recognition for our hard work and dedication to continuously improving the quality of our primary care clinics."

Key program components include: written standards for patient access and continuity of care, use of patient feedback materials, appropriate use of charting tools to track patients and organize clinical information, responsive care management techniques, adaptation to patients' cultural and linguistic needs, use of information technology, use of evidence-based guidelines to treat chronic conditions and measurement and reporting of clinical and service performance.

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untarily. She had knowledge of the facts the Commonwealth had for trial. The Commonwealth is prepared to go forward. It was a robbery because he (Todd) was injured," Herald said. "We could prove it was a theft. She is having cold feet now, but she should be held to the agreement. Nothing has changed, there is no

new evidence."

Fletcher, after listening to both sides, rendered his decision.

"The court has been cautious in asking questions, specific to each case and asked you if you committed the act. You answered in the affirmative," Fletcher said as he addressed Pergram and her attorney. "You said you were pleading guilty because you were guilty. Your rights were explained; I asked if there was any coercion, you

said no. Are you under the influence of anything or ill, you said no. Based on reviewing the tape and the documents you signed and the statements by the attorneys, the court is going to go ahead and sentence you to the offer of 10 years."

Pergram can appeal the judge's decision not to allow her to withdraw her plea. However, under the documents signed when a person pleads guilty, they also waive the right to appeal that sentence.

Say Hello to Jaxon !

Jamison and Alicia (Colwell) Teater are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jaxon James Teater. Jaxon was born Nov. 5, 2013 at Central Baptist Hospital and welcomed home by his big sister Trinity.

Jaxon's maternal grandparents are Rick and Shannon Ballard, Lancaster, and Keith and Robbin, Ocala Fl. Maternal great grandparents are John and Lois King of Stanton and Lucy Ballard of Lancaster.

Paternal grandparents are Jimmy and the late Susan Teater. Paternal great grandparents are James R. Teater and the late Betty Teater of Lancaster and Lincoln Davis of Stanford.

Jaxon is adored by special aunts Terri Teater, Jade Teater, Katie Colwell, Melissa Ballard, and Chasity Paris as well as a host of cousins, aunts, and uncles.



Jaxon James Teater

LEGENDS VS. AMBASSADORS

BASKETBALL FUN TO HELP KIDS

Hoops and hijinks are coming to Stanton, Kentucky on Monday, Feb. 3 when our very own local challengers, the Powell County Legends, take on the Harlem Ambassadors in a comedy basketball show the whole family will enjoy. The show starts at 7p.m. at the Powell County High School.

Proceeds from the event benefit Powell County Kiwanis Club & Stanton City Parks and Rec and will be used to serve the children of Powell County.

"We have scoured the region for skilled – and sometimes unskilled – players to take on the powerful Ambassadors," said Lisa Mays. "Come to the game and cheer on our enthusiastic local talent including Darrel Billings, Dustin Billings, Troy Brooks, Monroe Jones, Lonnie Morris, Dwaine Meadows, Travis Crabtree, James Clark, David Johnson,

David Faulkner, Julie Clark, Ronna Donathan, Meghan Mays, Tim Rogers, Richard Henderson, Albert Robertson, Larry Drake, Chad Birch, Rick Stamper, Steven Donathan, Jimmy Crase, Scott Graham, Jason Graham and maybe more!"

Tickets are on sale at Ace Hardware – Stanton, Tanner Dodge – Stanton, City Office – Stanton, Whitaker Bank – Stanton or online at www.brownpapertickets.com. For more information, contact lisamays2302@gmail.com or call (606) 481-2302. The event is sponsored by the Powell County Kiwanis Club, Stanton City Parks & Rec, Tanner Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Natural Bridge Realty, Hillbilly Chief Diner & many more!

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Editorial: We need more information and more voices

As many in the community know there is some controversy brewing over a proposed suboxone clinic opening in Stanton. Many people may not know much about the narcotic medication used primarily to help get pain medicine addicts off those dangerous drugs. They may not also know that despite all the hype about how it is a safe alternative there are also risks of abuse. Police officers, jail employees and even medical professionals can attest to that.

Other counties even report problems with an influx of patients coming to their county's clinics.

But we also know Powell County has a problem and that we are in the top five, if not the top one, in overdose deaths in the state.

Now the question is what do we do?

We believe more people need to get active in this discussion before a clinic moves in. The community needs to know more, from both sides of the issue. And this community needs to step up and be heard, one way or the other. If we do not get involved then we don't need to blame the politicians if problems arise, we can just look in a mirror.

The time to act is now and we all need to be involved.

Guest Column: Fiscal Court completes a lot in first meeting of 2014



By
JAMES ANDERSON,
*Powell County
Judge Executive*

This month's regularly scheduled meeting of the Powell County Fiscal Court was held Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. A copy of the agenda will be attached this month to show who and what items of business were scheduled for this meeting.

To start this month's meeting, as has been the case for the first meeting of the year for some number of years now, County Extension Agent Mike Reed comes and makes a presentation. This is done in an effort to inform the public of the activities their office has been engaged in over the last year and some of the accomplishments of their efforts. This year's presentation was even more interesting and informative, as this year's presentation covered a lot of the history of the Powell County Extension Office and included many pictures of past members of our community. Mr. Reed was commended for the effort they put into showing the public how their monies and energy are being used to assist our community and especially our youth.

Following Mr. Reed's presentation, Craig Lindon from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet came before the court with their recommendations for the 2014-2015 Rural Secondary Roads. Their recommendation included work on South Fork (KY 1639), Snow Creek (KY 1028) and North Bend (KY 615). Mr. Lindon made his presentation and entertained questions from the court and audience. The court voted to accept the cabinet's recommendations and look forward to having the work completed in the coming year.

Next, the Court was presented with updates on some past projects. First was to make them aware that work was now

underway on two of the three bridges that had been bid out this past summer. Upper Cane Creek and Ships Branch bridges are now in construction and should be completed in the next month or so. Also, work has started on the installation of the handicap accessible doors at the courthouse. We hope to have this work completed shortly as well and to be able to offer a facility that is more user friendly to our citizens who have a handicap. The last item on the update of past projects was the viewing of the magisterial map drawn up by Bluegrass ADD. All members of the court reviewed it and agreed that it reflected what they had agreed upon.

The 2014 holiday schedule was next on the agenda. The court voted to accept it as it was presented.

Industrial Board appointments followed. I made the court aware that I was reappointing John Brewer and Debbie Tipton to the Powell County Industrial Authority. The court voted to approve my appointments.

The fourth item coming before the Court was bids for some items at the new EOC. CSEPP director, Danny McCormick, presented the court with bids for AV and Network. Upon review of the bids and an explanation of some of the items included, the court voted to accept both bids.

As most folks are aware our county road system is a very important component of our transportation system as well as our economic development. In order to adequately protect and maintain these assets it is very important to have an accurate inventory, map and condition report of these resources. It has been since 1998 that any major attempt was made to address this need. In an effort to address this need, I had reached out to the Bluegrass ADD to see if they could help us in completing this task. At this meeting I presented the court with a proposal from the ADD to complete this work. The court voted to accept their proposal. This work is to be completed within the next 12 months.

The next two items on the agenda where both

road related as well. The first was the request of a gentleman to adopt L&E Road back into county road system. This road will be inspected and will have a follow up by next meeting. The second was a request for approval to pay for the additional fees needed for one of our road employees to obtain his ClassA CDL. This item was approved by the court.

The last item to come up on the regular portion of the agenda was the Treasurers request to move toward online banking. The court voted to allow her to complete whatever paper work was needed to get this started.

There had been two other folks that had contacted our office and asked to be placed on the agenda. Those two individuals were county clerk, Rhonda Barnett and Craig Lindon from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 10.

As we had moved through the agenda and everyone present had had an opportunity to address the court the court voted to adjourn. It is at this time that Powell County Sheriff, Danny Rogers, re-entered the courtroom from which he had departed earlier in the evening and stated he had some business. I questioned whether or not we could address it as we had already adjourned and also no one from the Sheriff's office had requested to be placed on the agenda. The County Attorney said he thought we could rescind the motion to adjourn and allow him to bring his business before the court.

At this time both fee office's presented their 2014 budgets for the courts approval. I stated that I didn't feel comfortable approving something that pertained to tax payer's dollars without having the chance and time to review it adequately, but that I was only one vote on the court. The court voted to approve both fee office budgets with a vote of 5-1 on both budgets, mine being the only one opposed.

Thanks once again for following the business of your Powell County Fiscal Court. If at any time I can be of any assistance or help, feel to stop by or call me.

Guest Column: Henderson's Update

It was another wild, wintry start to the third week but things inside the Capitol warmed up quickly as we got down to business.

Two bills we passed out of the House this week will support teachers and protect children.

Statistics citing the frequency of bullying are startling. More than half the students in America say they've seen bullying at least once a week and more than 30% of kids between 12 and 18 say they were bullied. Students around Kentucky have worked to tamp down on bullying which helped lead to the creation and passage of House Bill 40.

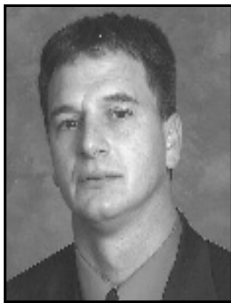
The bill would officially designate October as Bullying Prevention Month in Kentucky and encourage students to organize anti-bullying campaigns, teach prevention methods and create a dialogue between parents, students and teachers about the dangers and terrible emotional and physical toll of bullying. House Bill 40, which passed the House by a vote of 95-0, would also designate purple and yellow as the official colors of the awareness campaign. Purple would represent victims of domestic violence; yellow would represent and honor suicide victims.

Turning attention to the great teachers who have served Kentucky so well, the House passed a resolution that would designate an annual Kentucky Retired Teachers' Appreciation Week for the third week in October. There are more than 29,000 retired Kentucky teachers who spent their careers educating and helping raise our children and House Joint Resolution 19, which passed by a vote of 96-0, would show our appreciation for their great work. It now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Education was a major theme of Governor Beshear's budget address as he announced historic proposals that will support and improve Kentucky schools.

The governor focused great attention on K-12 funding, lamenting the cut backs that threatened the significant progress Kentucky schools are making.

His proposal recommends investing \$189 million over the biennium, bringing per pupil spending to its highest total ever and include pay increases for all teachers



RICHARD HENDERSON
State Representative

and classified personnel (2 percent first year, 1 percent second year). It would also include:

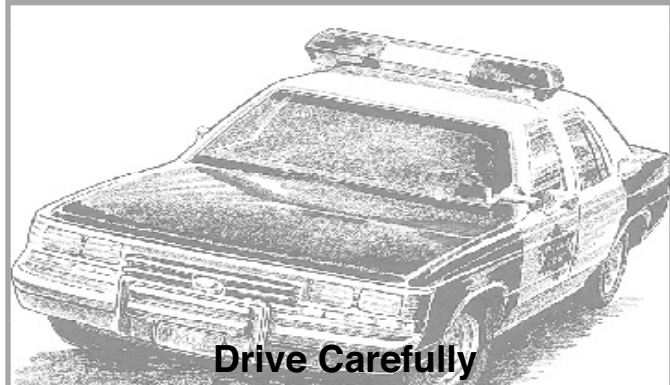
- \$95.4 million for textbooks, professional development and ESS
 - \$36 million to expand pre-school services, to serve 5,125 four-year olds
 - \$50 million for technology and school equipment
 - \$100 million for school facilities construction.
- Higher education would also reap benefits from Governor Beshear's proposals. Our colleges and universities would see:
- \$22.3 million in new money to maintain growth in scholarship program
 - \$2 million for Coal-county scholarships which would provide 500 scholarships
 - 80 new slots to WKU's Gattton Academy – called the nation's best high school two years in a row by Newsweek – and 100 new slots apiece in Governor's Scholars and Governor's School for the Arts programs
 - \$500 million in general fund bonds and \$704 million in agency bonds for more than 30 projects
 - \$60 million for "Bucks for Brains" to enhance research at our universities
 - \$170 million for 17 projects at KCTCS schools which serve almost 100,000 Health and Human ser-

vices would gain strides if the governor's budget is passed. He proposed to restore nearly \$111 million to the childcare-assistance program; put \$500,000 each towards domestic-violence shelter and sexual-abuse center; add 3,500 more people to Meals on Wheels and add \$190 million to Medicaid.

Other highlights from the governor's proposal include \$7 billion in state/federal funds for the six-year road plan; a tiered system of raises for public employees with the lowest paid workers receiving the highest percentage; fully funding the ARC for the Kentucky Retirement Systems; and extending the Mountain Parkway from Pikeville to Campton at a cost of \$753.6 million.

The governor's budget has produced great hope and excitement in these areas, but there are several agencies that will suffer severe cuts to offset this funding. It needs to be said that this is the very first stage of the budget process and hours, days and weeks of meetings and discussions will ensue in order to produce a bill that will pass out of the House. The same scenario will take place in the Senate so we're a long way away from these proposals being considered a done deal.

If you are interested in keeping up with the budget process and legislation in the coming months please log onto the legislative Research Commission website at www.lrc.ky.gov or call the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. To find out when a committee meeting is scheduled, call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-9650.



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Library planning, preparing great things for 2014



By
MARK
WETHERINGTON, JR.
Guest Columnist

There are several programs and opportunities that the Powell County Public Library is excited to share with the community this year. As director, I sincerely appreciate the support and encouragement that the library received from the community in 2013 and we look forward to doing our best to serve the needs and interests of

the community in 2014. Many new books will be added to the library collection early this year thanks to funds from a grant. The library applied for and was awarded a \$1,000 grant by Kentucky Book Fair, Inc. in October to purchase new books or replace out-of-date or damaged books in our collection. We want as much input as possible from the community in regard to the books we order, so we would like to invite you to come to the library and give us your suggestions by filling out a book request form.

New this year is the Prime Time Family Reading Time program. This program is sponsored in part by the Kentucky Humanities Council and focuses on helping children and parents bond together through the act of reading. The program is for elementary school

children and their parents or guardians. A storyteller and scholar will be at each program to discuss different topics related to family and the humanities. A simple meal will be served and there will be small prizes for participants. The program will run one evening per week for six weeks in April and May.

The library is still planning the details of the program and we will keep the community updated through this column, Facebook and information posted in the library. If you are interested in the program and would like to register please call the library at 606-663-4511 and let us know that you would like to register for the Prime Time Family Reading Time program.

The library is already looking forward to the 2014 Summer Reading Program and we have

some exciting changes planned. The 2013 Summer Reading Program at the library was a great success and an average of 32 children attended each day, doing fun activities and receiving a lunch from Powell County Food Services.

This year's theme is "Fizz, Boom, Read" and will focus on connecting children with science through reading and educational activities and programs. We plan to split the program between two weeks this year – one week for younger children (first, second and third grades) and one week for older children (fourth and fifth grades). This will allow the children to do more age-appropriate activities that are closer to their grade-level. We will open registration for the program in the coming month and look forward to signing up as

many children as possible.

If you like reading and discussing books, then perhaps you might want to attend some of the meetings of the Page Turners book club. The Page Turners book club usually meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a book.

Over the past several months the Page Turners have read books by David Baldacci, Barbara Kingsolver, Cormac McCarthy and several other well-known authors. Please contact the library for more information about the book club or visit our Facebook page.

In mid-February, the library will be having new carpet installed. We will try our best to minimize the interruption to services that this will cause and appreciate your patience as we com-

plete the project.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all the patrons of the library who return their materials on time. When materials are lost, returned late or damaged it means that others in the community do not get a chance to enjoy them or have to wait longer to enjoy them. It also means that staff must take time away from serving the public to try to deal with lost, damaged or overdue items, which is a task we don't enjoy but have to do. So a big "Thank You" to all the considerate patrons for taking care of the library's materials, which are really the materials of the community.

Mark Wetherington Jr. is the Director of the Powell County Public Library

Guest column: Sen. Robinson's weekly Frankfort review

By SEN. ALBERT ROBINSON
Ky. State Senator
21st District

After observing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, the Legislature went back to work. Tuesday was a special day as Senate President Pro Tem Katie Stine, the highest ranking female legislator, became the first female legislator to preside over the joint session of the Kentucky General Assembly during which Governor Beshear presented his proposed budget.

During a joint session of the General Assembly Tuesday night, Governor Beshear presented a multifaceted budget proposal of \$20.3 billion dollars for the next two fiscal years. The plan calls for five percent cuts to most state agencies, proposes a gas tax increase, and borrows 1.9 billion in new debt. Of course we all know it is easy to propose grand initiatives in broad strokes. There was good news in increased funding of education, but when it is time to vote on the budget bill, I hope the funding remains. The reality is that the economy is stagnant, and we will have to make tough choices and operate within our means.

A major infrastructure project was proposed Wednesday by Governor Beshear and United States Congressman Hal Rogers, expanding broadband service in Kentucky. This infrastructure is key to better job creation. The plan would combine \$60 million in state bonds and \$40 million from federal and private sources to fund broadband internet expansion across Kentucky. Specifically, 3,000 miles of fiber infrastructure would be laid in eastern Kentucky and throughout the state within the next three years.

It was an honor to have Congressman Rogers in the Senate Chamber on Wednesday. He spoke briefly and reminded us that we are statesmen and must remember that as we work on issues that affect Kentucky. I hope this is a mantra for all legislators as we work together and move Kentucky forward.

Despite the hazardous weather and somewhat dangerous road conditions, the Senate plowed ahead, passing bills brought to the floor this week. Among the bills passed by the Senate were: Senate Bill 27, a measure that moves all elections of constitutional officers to even-numbered years saving millions for local governments and the state if it is passed by the house and signed into law.

Senate Bill 3, one I co-sponsor, is a measure that requires a face-to-face consultation with a physician or designee prior to an abortion procedure. I was pleased the pro-life measure passed the Senate. Now it is on to the House. Making sure patients receive the valuable information regarding the medical procedure ensures they understand any health risks, and allows them an audience for questions and answers.

I encourage you to come to Frankfort for hearings of interest to you, to see the Senate in action and to visit with me. Also, check my FaceBook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Senatoralbertrobinson> for more information on the work here in Frankfort. There you will find out several different ways to keep up with the work of the legislature.

Senator Albert Robinson (R-London) represents the 21st District comprised of Laurel, Jackson, Estill, Powell, Menifee and Bath counties. He serves on the Banking and Insurance Committee, the State and Local Government Committee, the Transportation Committee, and the Veterans, Military Affairs, and Veterans Committee.

Guest column: When it comes top tickets, the times are a-changin'

By DOUG DEAREN
Guest Columnist

NFL playoffs threaten TV blackouts because of non-sold out games. The BCS Championship game has record-low ticket prices. New stadium remodels have fewer overall seats.

The ticket times... yes they are a-changin'. So what does all this mean? Logic would say that an NFL city, crazy about its team, would kick into high gear when the playoffs start. Cincinnati and Indianapolis have great followings and tickets to regular season games have mostly been sellouts. Green Bay has arguably the most passionate fan base in the NFL and getting tickets to its games is difficult. So why when they reach elite status of a playoff contender don't they sell out?

Several reasons come to mind. 1. Co\$. NFL tick-

ets are expensive. Most people with tickets have purchased the full season package, which includes preseason games. Now with playoffs, they have to dig into their pockets and ante up again. Many are just tapped out on NFL tickets and would just prefer to stay at home. 2. Location. Many teams do not allow the same seats for season ticket holders to receive for the playoffs. 3. Technology. HDTV, surround sound, and warm, comfortable restaurants and bars offer attractive, satisfying (and cheaper) options.

BCS interest was down this year. A few years ago in the BCS title game, the Auburn-Oregon matchup created arguably the highest demand for a sporting event ever. Secondary market orders were being canceled because there were no tickets at any cost to fill orders. This year with Auburn and Florida State, one would think a similar situation

would occur. It did not: \$325 face value tickets were going for less than \$200 on the secondary market.

The University of Kentucky plans to remodel its football stadium but will actually have "fewer" seats. Now, less is more in stadium seating. Having luxury suites and hospitality areas are more important and desirable than having a big number of seating capacity.

So what about the Kentucky Derby? Churchill Downs has for the second straight year added new seating. In

both ends of the existing structure there will be areas that include access to hospitality and comfort. And the BIG BIG news...The world's largest high definition TV will be viewable for all. Kudos to our friends at Churchill. They are ahead of the game. Combining hospitality and electronics is the way to go. Our preliminary sales of packages at www.DerbyBox.com show that this will be a record year. We are sold out of major hotels and are close to being sold out in some of the prime seating areas

like Millionaires Row and Turf Club.

All in all, with the marketplace driving prices, it's good news for sports fans heading into 2014.

Doug Dearen, from Oldham County, is President of Derbybox.com, located just a few miles from Churchill Downs in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Derbybox.com specializes in customer

service that can only be provided by a local company. In addition to its focus on the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks, Derbybox.com also offers packages for other horse racing events like the Breeders' Cup as well as sports ticket packages for University of Louisville, University of Kentucky and concerts at the YUM Center.

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OBITUARIES

Lula Crabtree, 70

Lula Crabtree, 70, 500 West College Avenue, Stanton, wife of Karl T. Crabtree, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014 at home surrounded by her family. She was born Aug. 8, 1943 in Stanton to the late Shelby Martin and Nora Pearl Crowe Lowe.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Karl T. Crabtree, Stanton; sons, Karl Jeffery and wife, Gina Crabtree, Enterprise, Alabama and Kevin and wife, Hazel Crabtree, Stanton; daughter, Tammie and husband, Brandon Crowe, Stanton; sister, Betty Jo Cecil, Stanton; grandchildren, Samantha and husband Aaron Adams, Cassandra Crabtree, Jacqueline and husband, Brian Chandler, Jessica Crabtree, and Brayden Crowe; great-grandchildren, Emma-Grace Chandler and Lauryn Piper Adams.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, James Clifton Lowe, and John Shirley Lowe; and grandson, Christopher Crabtree.

Services were held on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Davis & Davis Funeral Home, Stanton by Rev. Jonathon Lewis and Marvin D. Farmer. Burial in Cat Creek Cemetery with Brian Chandler, Aaron Adams, Cody Lovin, Marty Cecil, Chuck Cecil, Phillip Lowe, Parnell Lowe, and Chris Thorn serving as pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers serving were Patty Swisshelm, Ann Cecil, Connie Cecil, Anna Rose Morehead, Talmadge and Miram Smallwood, Vaughn Feltner, Raymond Tipton, Millard Boswell, Vina Morton, Lloyd Fantz, Steve Tutt, Gerogia King, and Leroy Williams.

In lieu of flowers donations suggested to Hospice East, 407 Shoppers Drive, Winchester, KY 40391.

Larry Helton, 62

Larry Wayne Helton, 62, of Maple Street, Stanton, died at his residence Tuesday night, Jan. 21, 2014. He was born in Wabash, IN and he was a graduate of Powell County High School. Larry was an employee of Red River Hardwood and a former employee of U S Brick. He attended the House of Prayer For All People.

He is survived by his mother, Bernice Robinson Cole of Austin, TX; his father and stepmother, Wilford Dale and Martha Helton of Stanton; one daughter, Shawn Phipps of Noblesville, IN; one son, David Lee Helton of Indianapolis, IN; two sisters: Kristen Helton of Stanton and Fran (Daryl) Pullin of Austin, TX; two brothers: Vaughn (Amanda) Helton of Lexington and Samuel Helton of Clay City; and two grandchildren, Jordan and Justin Phipps.

Funeralservices officiated by Rev. Glenn Johnson were held on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014 at Hearne Funeral Home, Stanton. Interment was in the Helton Cemetery at the House of Prayer Church with Samuel Helton, Vaughn Helton, David Helton, Shawn Phipps, Will Spencer and Russell Banks serving as pallbearers. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc. www.hearnefuneralhome.com

Melvin R. Meadows, 73

Melvin Roger Meadows, 73, U S Air Force Veteran, of Airwood Drive, Stanton, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014 at his residence with his family by his side.

Born in Clay City, he was the son of the late William Henry and Fannie Campbell Meadows and he was a member of the Elkhart County Baptist Church. He was a former police officer at Laurel Park, Hendersonville, NC, a former park ranger at Natural Bridge State Park and a former bus driver for Coach USA.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his stepson, Clinton Vaughn Herald; two brothers: Everett Meadows and Richard Trulan Meadows; one sister, Eunice Babcock and by one great grandson, James Brayden Clay Rogers.

He is survived by his wife, Mima Meadows; three sons: Roger Nelson Meadows of Clay City, James

(Melissa) Meadows of Nicholasville and Mark (Lizette) Meadows of Clay City; one stepson, Wilgus Wayne (Denise) Herald of Vicksburg, MI; three daughters: Sharita (Richard) Pulizzi of Fort Meyers, FL, Lavonna (Rob) Halsey and Levodis Meadows, both of Stanton; three brothers: Kenneth (Ada) Meadows of Mt. Sterling, Clifford (Phyllis) Meadows of Winchester and Larry Meadows of Nicholasville; two sisters: Freda (Chester) Taylor of Lily and Nancy (Jim) Freeman of Vandalia, OH; one sister-in-law, Fannie Strange Meadows along with 21 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services officiated by Bro. Ralph Farmer were held on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014 at Hearne Funeral Home, Stanton. Interment with military honors was in the Meadows Cemetery, Clay City.

Active pallbearers were Rob Halsey, Gary Meadows, Kenny Meadows, Roger Meadows, Mike Meadows. Honorary pallbearers were Hobert Johnson, Wilgus Herald and Bob LaFountain. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc.

Brenda Means, 60

Brenda Sue Means, 60, of Little Hardwicks Creek Road, Clay City, died at Baptist Health Lexington on Friday, Jan. 24, 2014. Born in Winchester, she was the daughter of the late Daily Royal Pelfrey and the late Bessie Day Pelfrey. She was a graduate of Powell County High School and a machine operator at General Electric. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Daily Scott Pelfrey.

She is survived by her long time companion, Chester B. Hicks, Jr.; two daughters: Cheronna Hatmaker and Crystal “Kippy” and her husband Bill Demuth of Clay City; three brothers: Danny Pelfrey of Jeffersonville, William Ray and his wife Dorothy Pelfrey and Shelvy “Bud” Pelfrey of Clay City; one sister, Lisa and her husband Johnnie Conyers of Clay City; along with two grandsons, Billy Ray and Cayden Scott Hatmaker. Funeral services officiated by Rev. Paul Wayne Day were held on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014 at Hearne Funeral Home, Stanton. Interment was in the Pelfrey Cemetery, Little Hardwicks Creek Road, Clay City.

Active pallbearers were Chester Hicks, Jr., Shelvy “Bud” Pelfrey, Danny Pelfrey, Johnnie Conyers, Tyler Chadwick, Cayden Scott Hatmaker and Billy Ray Hatmaker. Honorary pallbearers were Timmy Pelfrey, Jim Pelfrey, Josh Pelfrey and Earl “Bubby” Crase. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc.

Rickie Newsome, 51

Rickie Dale Newsome, 51, husband of Myrtle Newsome, 23 8th Avenue, Clay City, passed away Saturday at home. He was born Sept. 18, 1962 in Portsmouth, Ohio to the late Leslie Newsome Jr and Wanda Lou McCarty Newsome.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle Newsome; sons, Billy J. (Kim) Newsome, Jeremy (Kayla) Banks, and Scotty Newsome; daughters, Cassie (Jay) Means, April J. (Wes) Patton, Cristie (Ben) Bishop, and Catie (Lee) Lewis; brother, Rod (Polly) Newsome; sister, Carol (Earl) Gillum and Jewell (Danny) Crislip; grandchildren, Brianna Newsome, Kinxston Means, Shelby Barnett, Jordan Barnett, Tyler Means, Kyrstin Newsome, Russell Brandenburg, Kyra Newsome, Amelia Martin, Krayson Newsome, Brady Banks, Jerus Banks, and Vergie Bishop. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie Newsome Jr and Wanda Newsome; a son, Ricky Dale Newsome; nephews, Mitchell and Okie Frazier; and niece, Shaina Frazier.

Services were held Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Davis & Davis Funeral Home, Stanton by Rev. Anthony Molihan. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery with Billy Newsome, Scotty Newsome, Jay Means, Earl Gillum, Jeff Johns, and Danny Ray Crislip serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers serving were Alfred Hall, Grover Larrison, Rod Newsome, Ben Bishop, and Lee Lewis.

Barbara Smith, 78

Barbara Smith, 78, of High Rock Road, Stanton, widow of Cleveland Smith, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014 at The St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She was a homemaker and a member of the Eastern

Star.

She is survived by two daughters, Margaret Spencer, of Rosslyn, and Lois Embry (Cecil) of Stanton; one brother, Sherwood Townsend (Barbara), of Stanton; and three grandchildren, William, Robert and Tabatha Spencer, all of Stanton. She was preceded in death by her parents Rant and Margret Townsend; and her husband, Cleveland Smith.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, Jan. 18 at The Grayson Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dale Helton officiating. Burial followed in The McQuinn Cemetery. Pallbearers were William Spencer, Charles Poor, Kaloni Smith, Dana Smith, Justin Tinch and Stacy McCoy. Honorary Pallbearers were Robert Spencer, Debbie Pelphery and Kathy Pelphery. Grayson Funeral Home was in charge of services.

James O. Smith, Sr., 74

Pastor James O. Smith Sr., 74, of Smith Lane, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Ary on June 21, 1939 to the late Ola and Marie Guinn Smith. He was the Pastor of Crossroads Baptist Church, Clay City and a former employee of Skilton Construction, Lexington. He was also blessed to work alongside his sons at Smith Brothers Paving for several years.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Leatha Curtis Smith; five sons, James O. Smith Jr. (Linda), Jeffery Smith (Sheila), Kenny Smith (Carla), Kevin Smith, and Keith Smith; one daughter, Deborah Smith Kelly (Thomas); eight grandchildren, Charles Sparks (Regina), Jeremy Smith (Jessica), Steven Smith (Aliesha), Patrick Sizemore, Jeffery Dale Smith, Karen Smith, Kendra Walters (Charlie) and Jessica Brewer; 10 great grandchildren, Brooklyn Sparks, Ethan Sparks, Jeremiah Smith, James Ryan Smith, Chandler Congleton, Leevi Congleton, Brenna Stone, Kassidy Smith, Karlee Todd, and Kayleigh Walters; one brother, Ola Smith Jr. and one sister, Nancy Marie Stamper(Richard); several nieces, nephews and many friends.

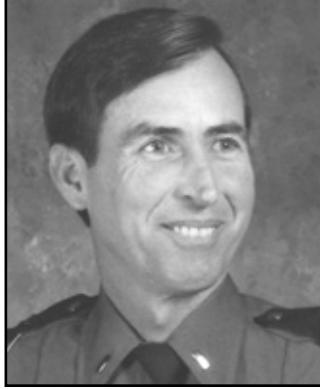
He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lois Louise Smith; granddaughters, Brenda Nicole and Kassie Lachelle Smith; brothers, Clarence Smith, Aster Smith, Ora Smith, Burnis Smith, Ova Smith, Earl Smith and Lloyd Smith. Services were held at Davis and Davis Funeral Home in Stanton by Rev. Johnny Hurt on Monday, Jan. 27, 2014. He was laid to rest at Rest Haven Cemetery, Stanton, with David Crowe, Danny Smith, David Smith, Johnny Smith, Paul Smith and Tracy Smith serving as pallbearers. The family would like to thank the staff at the VA Hospital, and Hospice East for their care and compassion over the last several months.

Ethel Washabaugh, 95

Ethel Washabaugh, 95, widow of George Washabaugh, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the Stanton Nursing Center. She was born June 4, 1918 in Breathitt County to the late Wiley and Lily Pelfrey.

Survivors include her son, Tim and wife, Nancy Washabaugh, Lexington; sisters, Annie Williams, and Norma Jean Dunn; 13 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and three great great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, George Washabaugh; sons, Gary Washabaugh, and George Washabaugh III; brothers: Clarence Pelfrey, Harold Pelfrey and John Pelfrey; and sisters, Nellie Maines, Ellie Adams, Cara Mae Wallace, Eunice White, Ora Barnett and Hazel Prather .

Memorial services are scheduled for her birthday, June 4.



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The burgeoning health-care field is excellent for this, and many businesses will even pay for your classes. There are also many high-paying jobs in the energy field, but they are not for everyone; and many, including hazardous positions such as driving trucks of flammable products, require additional training.

If you are looking at a career that requires a four-year college education, but you are having trouble getting together the resources to pay for it, you might want to consider going to a community college for the first two years and then transferring to a four-year

institution. Going to a nearby state school and living at home could be the best way to complete the four-year degree with a minimum of expense. With the right planning and coordination between workplace and university, it is also possible to complete a four-year degree while working full-time, though you will have to be ready for a considerable investment of time and effort. People with sufficient motivation do it all the time, though.

What you don't want to do is to borrow more for a four-year education than you can reasonably pay back. If you are committed to a career that doesn't pay so well, find every way to reduce your debt burden while going to school, including scholarships, fellowships, assistantships, and working while you are in school. This advice is good even if you plan to go to medical school. Whatever you choose as your career, you need to keep your debt burden to a minimum.

Of course not all young people have parents who will support a decision to go on for higher education or training. Family support is crucial, but not always present, so educators need to be ready to help when necessary. If you are a student, seek help from your teachers and your school guidance counselor; that's what they are there for. Even if your parents are supportive, your teachers and guidance counselor may still be able to guide you toward a future you never dreamed of. And there are enough forms and applications to fill

out that you can't do it on your own, so get help.

Even in these tough economic times, various forms of continued education and training are available; and various forms of financial aid are available, both from the educational institution itself and from outside sources. Help is available for students who seek it.

First check out how much you have earned during your four years in high school at the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) Web site, <https://www.kheaa.com/website/kheaa/kees?main=1>, by clicking on the sign-in button. A GPA of 2.5 and higher can earn you a scholarship of between \$125-500 per year in college for each year of high school. Consistently high grades during four years of high school add you to a substantial scholarship.

Also, many Kentucky students from upper-middle-class families do not apply for financial aid because they think their parents make too much money for them to qualify. Students should submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application online to find out if they're eligible for state and federal student aid programs. Do not wait until the last minute to apply for financial aid because the money could run out.

Source: Robert H. Flashman, Extension Specialist for Family Resource Management, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.



Photo by Christina Ware

Best of Friends enjoying a great day of sledding. Back row: Marty Humphrey, Jace Ware, Colby Cook, Rain Taylor, Trent Rogers, and Madison Ovington. Front Row: Brody Halcomb, Colton Cook, Emma Ware, and Jake Halcomb.



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Gavin and Grayson Shepherd figured out how to have a good time!!!

Reader's Recipes

Jam Cake

Juanita Stahley
Campton

1 box of apple sauce or spice cake mix
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1 stick oleo or butter
¼ cup of milk
Boil one minute and add 1 ¾ cups of powdered sugar and beat until smooth and creamy. This recipe was my Aunt Imogene Epperson's.

Rice Casserole

Juanita Stahley
Campton

2 cups of Minute Rice
2 sticks of oleo or butter
2 cans of French onion soup or onion soup with beef stock. I use French onion soup
1 small jar of mushrooms, sliced
2 or 3 cups of water
Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Oriental Slaw

Juanita Stahley
Campton, Kentucky

1 pound cole slaw mix (bag)
¼ cup slivered almonds
¼ cup sunflower seeds
3 green onions, chopped
2 packages of chicken ramen noodles, break up in little pieces
Dressing
2 packages of chicken seasoning from ramen noodles
¼ cup of sugar
¼ cup of oil
¼ to ½ cup of vinegar (red)
Mix well and pour over slaw mix. Chill. Best when chilled overnight.

Roses are red,
violets they are blue.
If you forget Valentine's Day,
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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

AmVets Meeting

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Disabled American Veteran Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of the Powell County Disabled American Veterans Powell County Chapter # 103 is held on the second Thursday each month at 30 Bright Street Stanton at 6 p.m.

Powell County Tourism Commission

The regular board meetings are held every fourth Wednesday at 1 pm. The meetings are held at the Powell County Extension Office. For more information call 606-481-9740

Red River Gorge/Nada Tunnel Festival

The committee for the Red River Gorge/Nada Tunnel Festival will meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Middlefork Fire Department at 7 p.m.

Veterans Benefits

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Stanton on the first Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Veterans and their families will be given counseling in filing for Federal and State Veterans benefits. This service is provided free of any charge or fee by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Veterans Affairs. Call and leave a message at 1-866-376-0308, leave a message, your call will be returned. Bring all documents pertaining to filing a claim.

Higher Education Meeting

The Powell County Higher Education Development Board will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Powell County High School Library at 7 p.m

Stanton Parks and Recreation Board

The Stanton Parks and Recreation Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. The meetings will be held at the city building in the Senior Citizens building located at the city park.

Clay City Homemakers

The Clay City Homemakers meet on the first Thursday of the month at noon at the Powell County Extension Office.

Quilt Club

The Quilt Club meets the second Monday of the month at 11 a.m. at the Powell County Extension Office.

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CALENDAR

Weight Watchers Meeting

Weight Watchers will meet every Tuesday at the Stanton First Church of God located at 980 E. College Avenue. The weigh-in is at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Food Handler Class

The Powell County Health Department will be having a food handler class on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 10:30 a.m. This will be a great opportunity for anyone that may be in school or have other responsibilities during the week. Another food handler class will be offered on Thursday, March 20 at 1 p.m. Call 606-663-4360 for more information.

Red River Bowhunters

Red River Bowhunters will be shooting indoors on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. through the end of March. For more information call 606-481-0959.

All Boys Welcome! Be a Scout!

Boys ages 11 and up or 6th Grade and higher are able to join Boy Scout Troop 361. We meet at Shiloh United Methodist Church on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. For more information call Scotty Moree at 606-481-4138.

Baseball Academy

Powell County High School is hosting a six week baseball camp starting March 9. Powell County head coach Chris Varney will direct the program in conjunction with U.S. Baseball Academy. Classes are available for players in grades 1-12 and are limited to six players per coach. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and baserunning. Proceeds from the program benefit amateur baseball in Stanton. Space is limited. Registration is now under way. For more information, visit www.USBBaseballAcademy.com, or call toll-free 866-622-4487.

Veterans Support Group

A Veterans Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the AmVets Post #67 in Clay City.

Cruising Car Club Meeting.

Twin City Kruzerz Car Club will be holding their monthly meeting the first Monday of each month at Irvine City Hall. If the

meeting falls on a holiday it will be the following Monday. All members and anyone wishing to join the club are welcome. If you have any questions please call Loyd Flynn at 723-6776, or Jack Chaney at 723-4045.

Genealogy Help Desk

The Red River Historical Society and Museum located at 4541 Main Street in Clay City has opened a Genealogy Help Desk. It will be staffed by members of the historical society and members of the Red River Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). If you are researching your Eastern Kentucky roots we hope we can be of some help to you. The hours are 2 to 5 p.m. each Sunday at the museum.

Powell County Diabetes Support Group

Kentucky River Foothills Rural Health Network is sponsoring a Diabetes Support Class. Classes will meet every second Thursday of the month. Classes meet at the Powell Adult Day Care (behind Foothills Mobile Clinic) in Clay City from 4-5 p.m. For more info, please call Tena at 663-9011.

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CHURCH NEWS

Pre-Super Bowl Party

Kick off the Super Bowl a day early this year. Clay City United Methodist Church is having a Pre-Super Bowl party on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. We will watch a movie (Facing the Giants) and have all your favorite Super Bowl snacks at the half time break. This is a fun event for the whole family! We are located on the street behind the Whitaker Bank. Come and join us!

Prayer Task Force Schedule

The Powell County Christians United Against Drugs (PCCUAD) Prayer Task Force will meet at the Clay City Baptist Church located on the corner of 7th Street and 8th Avenue behind the Clay City Restaurant. This meeting is for all Christians to come and pray together. We name our prayer concerns, pray and leave. Do you have one hour for God? You will be blessed, everyone welcome! The prayer service starts at 9 a.m. on each Saturday.

Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayer or need to leave a prayer request, call (606) 663-6172 or (606) 663-6385.

Community Calendar and Church News presented so that the community can be made aware of local events.

We ask that all announcements should include a brief description of the event along with the time, date and location. Please include a phone number for more information with the announcement. Announcements can be submitted by mail, email or phone. Deadline for announcements is Monday at 5 p.m.

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Stanton Assembly of God, Washington St., Stanton, 663-0198, Pastor Eddie and Linda Thomas, 859-771-9777, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm.

BAPTIST

Clay City Baptist, 7th St. & 8th Ave., Clay City, Grider Denney, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Evening Service 7 pm.

Crossroads Baptist, 2524 Virden Ridge Rd., Clay City, Pastor James Smith, Sunday School 3 pm; Sunday Worship Service 4 pm; 606-663-5796.

Emmanuel Baptist, 745 W Highway 15 (across from PCHS) Stanton. Ph: 663-1300.; Services: Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11:00 am, Evening Worship 6 pm, Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 130 Washington Street, Stanton, KY 40380, Pastor: Ireland Sexton. Phone 606-663-0073.

Friendship Baptist Church, 105 Bluebird Lane (off Virden Ridge Rd.) Clay City, Clyde Spencer, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service Sunday, 11 am; Worship Service Saturday 6 pm.

Mill Knob Baptist Church, 21 Rice Rd., Stanton, off Peck's Creek. Pastor, Warren Rogers 606-481-0444. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

Morris Creek Missionary Baptist, Hwy. 213 North, Pastor Bess Goss. Jr. Sunday School 10 am, worship 10:45 am.

Powell's Valley Baptist, 125 Powell's Valley Rd., Clay City; Gary Willoughby, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday service 6 pm.

Rehoboth Baptist Mission, 663-1950; Gary Hurt, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Morning Service 11 am; Sunday Evening 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Stanton Baptist, 42 E. College Ave., Stanton, Ph. 663-2170; Jonathan Lewis , Min., Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; AWANAS Wednesday 6:30-8 pm & Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

West Bend Baptist, 10124 Winchester Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday Service 11:15 a.m. Pastor John C. Taylor. Phone 1-859-270-1599.

Calvary Baptist Church, Stokely Loop, Clay City, 663-1890; Johnny Hurt, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

CATHOLIC

Our Lady Of The Mountains Church, 1093 E. College Ave., 663-5919; Sister Mary Jane Kreidler, pastoral director, and Father Al Fritsch, parish priest. Tuesday and Friday Mass 4:30 pm

CHRISTIAN

Stanton Christian, 100 West Church Street, Stanton, 663-2458; Interim Pastor, Jim Hutchison Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m. and Sunday Night Small Groups and Youth Groups at 6 p.m. Meal and Open Gym at 7 p.m. Wednesday Nigh Small Groups for all ages 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bowen Church of Christ, Luke Newell - 1st and 3rd Sunday; Daniel Newell - 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Cat Creek Church of Christ, Eugene Reed , Relzda McNabb, and Dwaine Meadows Min. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; evening service 6p.m.' Wednesday 7 p.m.

Clay City Church of Christ, 5719 Main St., Clay City, Mack C. Rice, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Stanton Church of Christ, 255 N. Main St., 663-5327; Brock Hartwigsen, Min., Sunday Service 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

Bowen First Church of God, 5555 Campton Road, Stanton (Bowen) 663-0751; Pastor Steven V. Williams, Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Clay City First Church of God, 4236 Main St., Ph. 663-2810; Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Emmanuel Tabernacle Church of God, Pastor: Kyle Shoupe; 859-749-4067; Sunday School, 1 pm, Worship Service, 2 pm; Sunday Night Service, 6:30 pm; Wed. night service, 7:00 pm; For more information 663-2266 or 663-8118.. Everyone is welcome.

Grace Fellowship Church of God of Prophecy, 775 E. College Ave., Willard Estep, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 6:30 pm, Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Hatcher's Creek Church of God, , Worship Service 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.

Knowlton Church of God, Furnace Rd., Stanton, Kenny Wasson, Min, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 6 pm.; Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

Living Water Church, 780 North Fork Rd., Ph. 663-1979; Dale Hale, Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship Services 11 am and Sunday Night 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Middle Fork Church of God, 9479 Campton Road, Stanton; Pastor Garland Lacy; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.

More Than Enough Ministries Church of God, 1236 College St., Stanton, KY. Service Fridays 5-7 p.m., Clothing Giveaway Director Betsy A. Caudill , home (606)663-7849, cell (606)304-8838, **Morris Creek First Church of God**, 1669 Morris Creek Rd., Stanton, Raymond Tip-ton, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Mountain Parkway Church of God, 30 Adams Ridge Rd., Dale Payne, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

New Beginnings Church of God, 1091 Irvine Road, Hwy. 82, Clay City; Pastors Patty and Billie Utterback, Sunday School 11 am; Sunday Worship Services 12 pm. Tuesday Bible Study 6 p.m., Wednesday and Saturday 7 pm.

Slade Church of God, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Worship 11 am; Sunday Night

Service 6 pm. Pastors: Bill White . Campers Welcome.

Stanton First Church of God, 980 E. College Ave. P.O. Box 325, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm. Anthony T.; Moli-han minister.

Vaughn's Mill First Church of God, Hardwick's Creek Rd., Clay City, Teddie Linkous, Min.; Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:30; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Vaughn's Mill Full Gospel Church of God, Located off KY 2001 and Happy Top Road in Clay City. Services are: Sunday 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.; Sunday evening at 6 p.m.; Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

West Bend Church of God, 9866 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY 40312, Ph. 663-9210. Pastor Bro. Ray Wyant , home phone 859-498-2262 Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:00 pm., youth service 7 p.m. Wednesday prayer services at 7 p.m.

West Bend First Church of God, 8861 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY Pastor James Combs, Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday youth service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer service, 6:30 p.m.

Christian Fellowship Church of God, 4627 Main St., Clay City, Pastor Harold G. Kelly, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 am and Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

Walnut Grove Church of God, North Fork Road, Stanton, Rothiel King Pastor, Sunday Morning Service 10 am; Night service 6 pm.

LUTHERAN

Grace Lutheran Church, 108 Hemlock Dr., Winchester, Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am, 745-2873.

UNITED METHODIST

Clay City United Methodist, 7th St., Kim Rose, Min., Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm.

El Bethel United Methodist Church, 5229 Trapp-Goff's Corner Road (behind Goff's Corner Market) Winchester.; Rev. Mike Albertson, Pastor; 606-233-7407; Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship 11 am; Sunday Night Bible Study 7 pm.

Hardwicks Creek United Methodist, Hardwicks Creek, Rev. Michael Cobb Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 5 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

Shiloh United Methodist, 2652 Campton Rd. (SR 11 & 15) Stanton, Ph. 663-5633; Brandon Candee, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6:30 pm; Youth Ministries, 6:30 pm Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

West Bend United Methodist, 8677 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ph. 663-5534; Michael R.Guertin, Pastor, (931) 237-0569; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11 am and 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Harvestime Assembly 480 E. College Ave., Stanton; Sunday, 10 am, 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday, 7 pm. Rev. Tony Story, 606-663-9866.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian, Phillip Pogue, 420 N. Main St., Stanton, Ph. 663-2914; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 7:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

OTHER

Airport Chapel, Stanton, Scooby Faulkner, Min.

Blessed Assurance Church, 44 N. Main St., Stanton; Gary Sparks, pastor. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; Sunday night 6 p.m.; Wednesday 4 p.m. Phone 859-556-0481

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1085 Grand Ave., Beattyville. Branch president, James R. Ellison; Sacrament meeting, 10:30-11:30; Sunday School 11:40-12:20; Priesthood and relief society 12:20-1 p.m.; missionaries phone 859-432-9584. Ronald E. Roberts 1st Counselor in the branch presidency, 1452 Brookside Dr., Stanton. Phone 606-481-9770

Three Cross Mission Church, Sunday School 10 am, Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm and Wednesday Service 6:30 pm, Clay City, KY

Full Gospel Church, 27 Hunter Ln., Clay City; Pastor, Ralph Banks; Sunday Services 6 p.m., Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 p.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse, Fifth Ave., Clay City, Sammy Faulkner, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm

House of Prayer For All People, Helton Mtn., Slade, Dale Helton, Min., Worship Service, Sunday 2 pm.

Nada Baptist Mission, Tunnel Rd., Dr. John Owen, pastor; Phone 859-744-2884. Services 3:15 Sunday School; 4 p.m. worship.

Never Ending Grace Community Church, 29 Howell Lane, Clay City, Stephen Donithan, pastor 859-585-8756 Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Pine Grove C.M.E. Church, 9575 Winchester Rd., Clay City KY 40312. Sunday School: 10 am.; worship service 11 a.m.; Pastor, Diane Flora.

Spirit of Life in Christ Church 587 Brush Creek, Clay City, Pastor Ken Fugate, alternate J.D. McClure, 663-4220 Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday evening 6 p.m.; Thursday evening 7 p.m.

Vaughns Mill Community Church, hosting God's Fresh Start Church 155 Spout Springs Road, Clay City, Ph. 859-608-6525, Thomas Rogers, pastor, Sunday Service 2 p.m.; Thursday night 7 p.m.

Wings of Love Church, 7283 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ricky Shuler, pastor, Children's Sunday School, 5:30 p.m., Sunday Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday night 7 p.m.

Wildwood Chapel, 1599 Halls Hill Road, Stanton. Pastor: George Sparks, 606 -663-9950. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Services 11 a.m., Friday Service at 7 p.m.

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ENCOURAGING WORD: AN INDOMITABLE SPIRIT WITHIN



Howard Coop

Guest Columnist

Groundhog Day is almost here. That whimsical event happens each year on the second day of February when the sun in its annual journey northward has reached the halfway point between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox.

This special day, little more than a humorous look at midwinter, is deeply rooted in folklore. For centuries, the badger, known by some as the sacred bear, was a prognosticator of weather in European folklore. Then, in the eighteenth century in Pennsylvania, the ground hog replaced the badger and became the prognosticator.

According to folklore, the ground hog awakes on the second day of February after a long period of hibernation and leaves the comfort of its den to look around. If the sun is shining and the ground hog sees its shadow, the little brown marmot returns to the comfort of its den and

sleeps through another six weeks of bad weather that is sure to come. On the other hand, if the day is cloudy and the ground hog does not see its shadow, it remains outside its den to enjoy the next six weeks of pretty weather that is ahead.

That bit of folklore may not be completely reliable as a prognostication of weather for the remaining days of winter, but one thing is sure: At this point in time, snow may be whirling across the countryside, the north wind may be howling around the corner of the house, and it may be colder than normal, but the days are getting longer and the average daily temperature is gradually getting warmer. Winter is half over, and spring is only six weeks ahead. Sunshine and pretty days are just around the corner.

Most folk don't take Groundhog Day seriously; it's just a light-hearted look at winter boredom. But it is a powerful reminder of an important fact: There is an indomitable spirit within the human heart that looks beyond the moment with hope believing that better things are ahead.

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Please submit application and/or resume by February 10, 2014 in person at the ambulance service or by mail to:

Brinton Epperson
Powell County Ambulance Service
P.O. Box 506
Stanton, KY 40380

Both sides present their case about new clinic

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

According to a website about suboxone and promoting its use "In 2002, the FDA approved the use of the unique opioid buprenorphine (Subutex, Suboxone) for the treatment of opioid addiction in the U.S. Buprenorphine has numerous advantages over methadone and naltrexone. As a medication-assisted treatment, it suppresses withdrawal symptoms and cravings for opioids, does not cause euphoria in the opioid-dependent patient, and it blocks the effects of the other (problem) opioids for at least 24 hours. Success rates, as measured by retention in treatment and one-year sobriety, have been reported as high as 40 to 60 percent in some studies. Treatment does not require participation in a highly-regulated federal

program such as a methadone clinic. Since buprenorphine does not cause euphoria in patients with opioid addiction, its abuse potential is substantially lower than methadone."

However, other sources, like law enforcement and medical professionals, state that the medication can be and is being abused. The FDA apparently has noted the possibility and police say it is the use of suboxone with non-opioids that create problems and even overdoses.

There are reportedly two clinics in Montgomery County, according to medical and law enforcement sources. There is supposed to be another one in Wolfe County and one in Breathitt County, or at least doctors who prescribe the medication.

The Times has spoken to people who have family who are being treated with suboxone and they state that they pay as low as \$125 for treatment. The clinic

in Stanton will reportedly charge "on the low end" \$400. That is supposed to include treatment and psychiatric counseling. The price has some people wondering about why the clinic is charging so much in a small, poor county.

The Times attended the meeting on Jan. 24 at the Stanton Baptist Church and offered each side a chance to present their case for you, the community, to read. So here are those presentations from the medical professionals. We received a column from the co-owner of the clinic with Dr. William Crowe, Allen Sperry, to present his side as well. However, due to space restraints we may have to run it next week.

We encourage all Powell Countians to read the following, ask questions, do some research and get involved.

In favor of office based treatment of opioid dependence

By DR. WILLIAM CROWE
Guest Columnist

Opioid overdose has become the #1 killer of young people in the state of Kentucky overtaking motor vehicle accidents. Narcotic abuse and addiction has become a plague on our state, our country and across the globe. Narcotic use in Kentucky is of epidemic proportions.

It is estimated that 2.5 million Americans are dependent on opioid painkillers or heroin. 30 million people misused prescription painkillers last year at least once.

Most abusers obtain these drugs from friends or family with a legitimate prescription. Only a small minority obtain the drugs from a ‘drug dealer’. Less than 50% of the population are aware that misusing prescription painkillers is as harmful as abusing heroin. Opioids are drugs such as morphine, codeine, oxycodone (Percocet), hydrocodone (Lortab), heroin, methadone, Vicodin, Roxicet, Oxycontin and many others.

A person is considered opioid dependent when two things occur. One, repeated use is needed to feel good OR to avoid feeling bad. Two, the opioid use continues in spite of negative consequences on job, health, financial and family issues. Other characteristics are repeated but unsuccessful attempts to quit and spending a lot of time and effort to obtain drugs.

Drug dependence can occur very quickly and unconsciously. No one is immune to its effects. Opiate drugs are designed to affect certain receptors in the brain that cause people to experience the feelings of reward and pleasure. These receptors in the brain also manage the natural painkilling abilities of the body. When opioid drugs are used on a regular basis, however, these receptors become desensitized in that they no longer respond to the same amounts of the drug. Their brain is ‘rewired’ to require higher and higher doses of the opioid to feel the same effect. This is what is known as ‘tolerance’ to a medication. When addicts do not obtain their drugs they go into ‘withdrawal’, characterized by abdominal and leg cramping, nausea, sweating, diarrhea, headaches and chills.

These changes of the brain circuitry do not correct themselves right away even when drug use has stopped. This ‘rewiring’ of brain chemicals can trigger cravings for weeks, months and even years later. This explains why treatment is not as simple as just stopping the drug. This is why drug dependence is considered a chronic medical illness. Therefore treatment is like that of other chronic medical problems like diabetes, asthma and heart disease. Not only is medication justified but patients also need to be educated about their disease and behavioral changes made to correct bad habits.

Less than 20% of addicts seek treatment. Why is this? No one wants to admit they are an addict. The first and hardest step in treatment is admitting to themselves they are an addict and need help. They are afraid of being ostracized and judged by their community and friends. Some equate drug dependence to a lack of morals and integrity when in reality the causes are numerous and varied. A significant

number suffer from other problems such as anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder or have a history of abuse. 2/3 of patients in one treatment facility reported being abused as children. Abuse leads to poor self-esteem, self-worth, physical trauma and lack of healthy relationships with family. These patients often use drugs to forget the emotional trauma they have suffered. Other patients may have grown up in a family with a parent, grandparent or guardian who used drugs. Still others experiment in adolescence when they are naïve to how quickly the power of addiction can develop. Now they have a powerful habit that causes them to be deathly ill if they do not continue it and can kill them if they do.

Treatment of opioid addiction took a big step in 2003 when a medication called Suboxone was approved in the U.S. Suboxone has unique properties which allow it to bind strongly to those opioid receptors in the brain so that it reduces cravings, prevents withdrawal symptoms and prevents opioids from attaching to the receptor and causing its euphoric effects. Suboxone is taken in the form a film that is placed under the tongue. It is absorbed quickly into the veins under the tongue and delivered to the brain receptors. It is not effective if swallowed. Suboxone is a combination of two drugs, buprenorphine and naloxone. Buprenorphine is the active ingredient and naloxone the other. Naloxone is added to help prevent the abuse of Suboxone. If Suboxone is crushed and injected this activates the naloxone which is a potent antagonist to opioids and will result in severe withdrawal in the opioid dependent person. Suboxone also has a ‘ceiling effect’ in that beyond a certain dose the effects of Suboxone are not felt thus tolerance to the medicine is not developed. This helps to lower its risk of misuse and overdose. Another advantage of Suboxone is that it can be tapered to lower and lower doses allowing the patient to wean off of it slowly without incurring withdrawal symptoms.

Suboxone allows the patients to feel normal in that it does not induce a euphoria in those opioid dependent patients and they do not risk being sick due to withdrawal as long as they take their medication as prescribed. They may re-enter society and participate in their families, look for jobs and regain self respect. Criminal activity is decreased as a direct result of patient sobriety.

Treatment of the addiction is gaining traction among the medical community and townships in the form of Suboxone. Suboxone is being used to treat opioid dependence in an outpatient setting in the safety and comfort of a doctor's office. Treatment of opioid addiction also involves counseling, family and community support, close monitoring, motivation and faith. Suboxone is NOT indicated for treatment of pain in this setting. Why would we not do everything possible to combat a serious opioid problem with one of the only safe and effective treatments available for a chronic disease that is killing thousands of our young people?

Dr. William Crowe is a part-owner of the Renewed You Clinic scheduled to open in Stanton next week.

Against a suboxone clinic: The benefits of it 'do not outweigh the negatives'

By SARAH DENNIS HOWELL, APRN
Guest Columnist

I have been asked by some folks about my stance on the new clinic in Stanton. Please note that this is my personal opinion. I will state that I am in opposition to a suboxone clinic opening in our hometown.

I am NOT opposed to a rehab clinic that would enable/require inpatient treatment, directly observed therapy, daily monitoring, and assessment of those individuals who desire sobriety from a very dark life of opioid addiction, coupled with strict psychosocial, mandatory counseling because substance abuse is a chronic, mental health disorder.

I have been a family nurse practitioner here in Stanton for almost 7 years, after being a RN for 5 years. I LOVE my profession and do not think of it as a “job.” My desire is to treat ALL patients with the integrity that they deserve. I see and treat patients of all ages, newborn to elderly population, from all walks of life. There isn’t much I haven’t seen and treated in my Practice here in our rural community. In my career, I have seen more negative cases where suboxone has been tried as a way to “get clean.”

That being said, I am certain there are some positive cases as well or the FDA would not be allowing it to be prescribed. My daily Practice is based on evidence based research. I have done a multitude of research regarding opioid rehab with suboxone. Not because of the clinic opening in Stanton, but because I wanted to know if research supports that it is a SAFE, EFFECTIVE, and COST EFFICIENT method in which to help folks achieve sobriety.

As with all research, studies are conflicting. It all depends on how one defines success. The 40-50% relapse rates seem terribly high to me and those who are not relapsing are typically still

maintained on suboxone which gets very pricey. I know many families that have had terrible financial hardship, first from street drug abuse, followed then by becoming reliant on suboxone.

I am only human, and do not have all of the answers. I commend ANYONE who wants to help others and I will not disrespect anyone or their opinion. However, with what I have read in the research, coupled with my clinical knowledge and professional opinion, I do not think that the benefit of an outpatient rehab/suboxone clinic outweighs the negative for our hometown where I am raising 3 small children.

A few good websites that are RELIABLE are the FDA and the DEA. Both do report the ability for folks to get “high” on this medicine and that drug abusers unfortunately are seeking to purchase it on the streets. In an article by the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency Office of Diversion Control), “In countries where buprenorphine has gained popularity as a drug of abuse, it is sought by a wide variety of narcotic abusers, young naive individuals, non-addicted opioid abusers...”.

My main fear is potential diversion and illicit drug use of more prescription drugs onto our streets, and coupled with alcohol or other central nervous system depressants such as Xanax or Klonopin, could prove fatal. Again, this is only my opinion.

Love to all and may God bless Powell County.

Sarah Dennis Howell, APRN

(Also, at the request of my colleagues, Dr. Charles Noss, Dr. Larry Ertel, Troy Brooks, PA, and Jeleana Reesor, APRN, their names are added in support of this opposition.)

CLAY CITY TIMES POLL BASED ON THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE READ ON THIS PAGE FROM THE GUEST COLUMNISTS DO YOU BELIEVE:

- YES, WE NEED THE CLINIC
- NO, WE DO NOT NEED ONE IN STANTON
- I NEED MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE SEND YOUR ANSWER
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Who's running in the May Primary?

Here is a list of candidates filing to run for office in Powell County in the May 2014 Primary as of last Tuesday. The final list will be published next week.

The last day to file was this past Tuesday, Jan. 28 (after press time).

County Judge

James D. Anderson (D)
Myers Arnett (D)
Kevin Babcock (D)
Logan Faulkner (D)
Eddie Barnes (R)

County Attorney

Robert Graham King (D)

County Clerk

Rhonda Allen Barnett (D)
Willard Lawrence (Larry) Drake (D)
Pam Congleton Angel (R)

County Sheriff

Danny Rogers (R)
Sammy Hall (D)
Phillip Frazier (D)
James Bowman (D)
H.K. Goodwin (D)

County Jailer

Travis Crabtree (D)

County Coroner

Hondo Hearne (D)
Megan Wells Davis (D)

PVA

Dustin Billings (D)

Magistrates

District 1
Robert Richardson, (D)
District 2
Ricky Creed (D)
Kenneth "Goat" Rice (D)
District 3
Michael Lockard, (D)
James (Jimmy) Reed, (D)
District 4
Timmy Tipton, (D)

John Barker, Jr., (D)
Ronnie Spencer (R)
District 5
Donna Gabbard, (D)
Carlos Rogers, (D)

Constable

District 1
Anthony Faulkner (D)
District 4
Jesse Miles (D)
District 5
Gerald Bishop (D)
Larry Willoughby (D)

This list will be finalized and updated in next week's Times.



Gladiators open season, prepare to defend title

By ERICA PRICE
Special to the Times

The Gladiators opened their season last Sunday at Powell County High School with back-to-back games. The first game was against the Madison County Mustangs. This nail biter went into over-time with a final score of Mustangs 35 and Gladiators 33.

Game two was the Gladiators against the Bourbon County Colonels. The Gladiators were able to pull out a victory against the Colonels with a score of Gladiators 26 and Colonels 24.

The Gladiators will play at home on Sunday, Feb. 2 at 3:30 p.m. and on the road to Georgetown on Friday, Feb. 7. Come out and support your local 3 times



Robinson Scholarship deadline extended

The Robinson Scholars Program at the University of Kentucky has extended the application deadline for its high school enrichment program, called Robinson Leaders. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 7, 2014, with all materials due by 4:30 p.m. that day.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must be in the freshman year of high school, reside in one of the 29 eastern Kentucky counties in the Robinson Scholars Program service area, and be a first generation student with an interest in obtaining a 4-year college degree. First generation students are those whose parents or legal guardians do not hold 4-year college degrees.

Those selected to be Robinson Leaders are eligible to participate in enrichment activities and summer camps provided by the Robinson Scholars Program, and they will be eligible to apply for

the Robinson Scholarship, which is a full scholarship to the University of Kentucky.

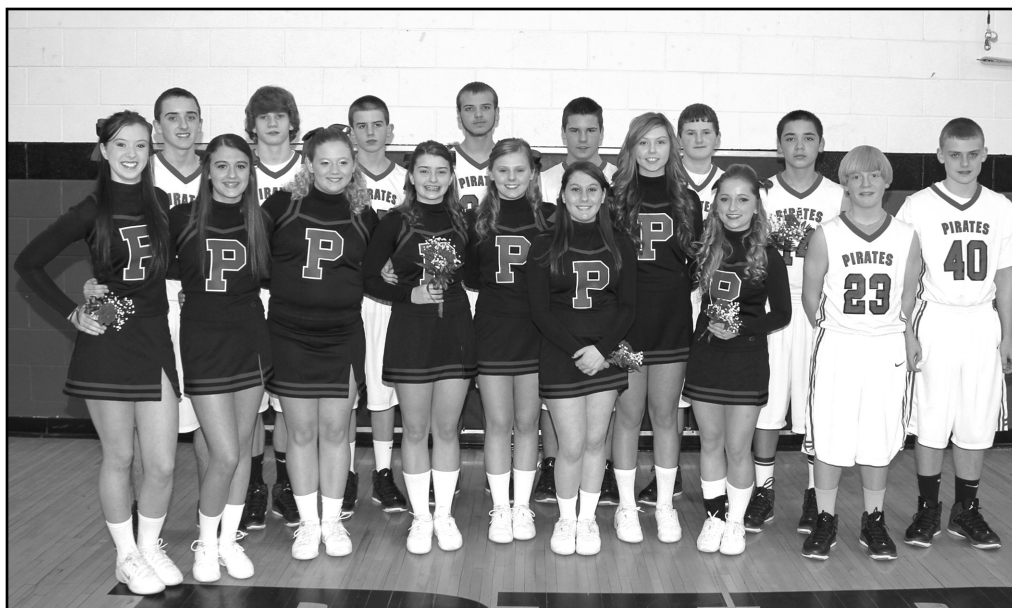
The Robinson Leaders Program seeks current high school freshmen who demonstrate academic talent, participate in community service, and are involved in extra-curricular activities either in their schools or communities. A total of 87 Robinson Leaders will be chosen from the 29-county service region of the Robinson Scholars Program for the 2014 cohort. Of the 87 Leaders chosen, 29 students (one from each county) will be awarded a Robinson Scholarship. That award will be made during the student's junior year of high school.

Applications can be made online through the Robinson Scholars Program Web site at <http://www.uky.edu/RobinsonScholars>. Follow the link to the Robinson Leaders Application.

Application instructions are provided. Students who do not have computer access may obtain a paper copy of the application and application instructions from either the Robinson Scholars Program or their high school guidance counselors.

First generation students in the following eastern Kentucky counties are eligible to participate in the program: Bell, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rockcastle, Whitley, and Wolfe.

For more information about Robinson Leaders, the Robinson Scholars Program, or the application process, visit Robinson Scholars Web site or contact Jessica Watkins at 606-666-2438, extension 232.



PCMS HOLDS 8TH GRADE NIGHT

Photo by Vickie Miler
The Powell County Middle School honored their 8th Grade Boy's Basketball players and Cheerleaders last week.

Pirates Schedule

Jan. 31
Feb. 4
Feb. 7
Feb. 8
Feb. 11
Feb. 18
Feb. 21

June Buchanan
@ OWSLEY COUNTY
BUCKHORN
@ West Carter
@ Breathitt County
Wolfe County
Hazard

56th District Tournament @ Lee County
14th Regional Tournament @ PCC

* No information about possible make-up games as of press time

*District Games capitalized
Home games in bold*

Lady Pirates Schedule

Jan. 30
Feb. 1
Feb. 5
Feb. 6
Feb. 10
Feb. 15
Feb. 17

Breathitt County
@ East Carter (@ Morgan)
Buckhorn
Johnson Central
@ Breathitt County
Western Hills
@ Jackson City

56th District Tournament @ Lee County
14th Region Tournament @ Leslie County

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LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

POWELL COUNTY
IMPROVEMENTS AND MINOR WIDENING OF KY 213
FROM JUNCTION WITH KY 11 TO BOTTOM OF MOUNTAIN NEAR MONTGOMERY COUNTY LINE

AT STANTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
THURSDAY, FEB. 13, 5-7 P.M.
PROJECT ITEM NO. 10-163.00

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has scheduled a public information meeting to discuss proposed improvements to KY 213 between the junction with KY 11 in Stanton to the beginning of new construction at the bottom of the mountain south of the Montgomery County line near Mountain Road in Powell County. The purpose of the project is to improve this section of KY 213 near Stanton and establish safer passage for the traveling public.

The public information meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 5-7 p.m. at the Stanton Christian Church. This will be an "open house" format meeting, and there will not be a formal presentation. The public is invited to come to the meeting anytime between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. to receive information pertaining to the proposed improvement and to provide input. Representatives from the Department of Highways will be available to assist the public with any information available and receive their views and comments.

Written statements may be submitted during the meeting or can be submitted to the address listed below up to fifteen (15) days after the meeting. Plans and exhibits will be provided at the meeting and are also available for review from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following location:

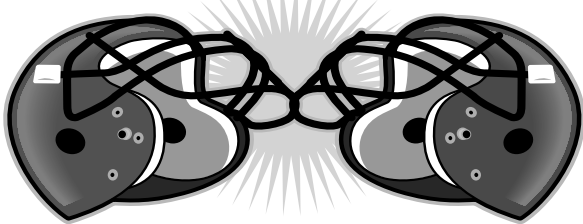
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Department of Highways, District 10
473 Highway 15 South
Jackson, KY 41339

In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act" if you have a disability for which the Transportation Cabinet needs to provide accommodations, please notify Darren Back, P.E. at (606) 666-8841, of your requirement by Feb. 12. This request does not have to be in writing. We may be contacted at the District 10 Office in Jackson.

Darren Back, P.E.
Project Manager
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Department of Highways, District 10
Highway 15 South, P.O. Box 621
Jackson, KY 41339
606-666-8841

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MIKE REED
County Ag.
Agent

Tobacco Settlement Checks are on the way

Tobacco quota owners and growers who regularly count on receiving their Phase 1 tobacco settlement checks in late January will have to wait a few extra days this year. Normally this payment is made around the 23rd or 25th of January. This year, we are told, that payments will be made in February and October.

As a way to make our tenth and final payment, tobacco settlement checks will be broke down in two payments—one will be 95% of what you usually receive-deposited in your account in February.

The remaining 5% will be dropped into your account sometime in October 2014.

If you have changed your banking account information, please contact your FSA office to let them know of that change so that updated payments can be made in a timely manner.

Livestock Producers Association to meet

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Powell County Livestock Producers Association will be on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Powell County Extension Office. (Weather permitting)

Craig Taylor from the Paris Stockyards in Paris will be our guest speaker. Meal cost for the meeting will be \$3 per person and dues are also due for the 2014 calendar year. Dues are \$10 per family or \$5 per individual. Please contact the UK Extension Office at 663-6405 in order that we have enough food on hand for this meeting. All local residents are welcomed to this meeting and encouraged to participate in the Livestock Association, here in Powell County.

Apple Tree Rootstock Orders

The Powell County Extension Service will coordinate with Estill, Breathitt, Wolfe and other counties in our area this winter and will be ordering apple and pear rootstocks again this year. If you want to propagate that favorite apple tree, grafting is one of the easiest ways to preserve that cultivar. To graft, you will need scion wood (terminal branch segments from last year's growth) and rootstock.

We typically order

Malling7 (55% of standard size) and/or MM.111 (80% of standard) semi-dwarf apple rootstock and a pear rootstock. Please place your order by February 10 at the Powell County Extension Office. The rootstocks usually arrive by the first week of March. Each rootstock will cost \$1 each. For those who need help in learning how to graft that special apple tree, we will have a grafting workshop on Thursday, March 6 at 1 p.m. here at the Extension Office.

Payment should be made upon ordering. Make checks payable to the Powell County Ag Council. Contact the Extension Office at 663-6405 for details.

Spring Plant Orders

Spring is on the Way, thank goodness! The Powell County Extension Office will once again be holding a plant sale this spring for interested gardeners and farmers in Powell County. These plants should arrive around April 10. All orders must be placed by March 15.

Plants include: Strawberries-Earliglow and AllStar varieties-\$15/hundred; Blueberries-Blue Ray and Blue Jay-varieties-\$6/plant; Blackberry plant-Triple Crown variety-\$3/plant; Raspberry plants-Red (Lauren) & Black varieties-\$2/plant; Asparagus-Jersey Knight variety-\$1/plant; NEW FOR 2014-Candy Onions-\$5/bundle of 60 plants! Contact the Extension Office to secure your order.

Dead Animal Removal

Hopefully you will not need this number, but this winter weather we've had recently is hard on all of us, even our cows, goats and horses. If you have an animal that falls prey to this winter weather, the Powell County Soil Conservation District still has funds available for dead animal removal. If your animal dies, call the Bluegrass Recycling Service at 1-888-744-1186 and they will remove your animal off your property at a reduced cost to you the farmer. All animals must be brought to the barnyard or on a graveled road with good access, in order to be picked up quickly.

Happy Ground Hog Day!!

While certainly not the most celebrated day of the year for sure, Ground hog day to me is just about the turning point of the winter. For some reason or the other it seems we have about six more weeks of winter weather, whether the old ground hog sees his shadow this Sunday, Feb. 2 or not. Ground Hog Day goes back many years to the mid 1800's in the country of Germany. The original legend in Germany actu-

ally refers to a badger or bear coming out of hibernation just long enough to see his shadow on that famous day of Feb. 2. If he sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If it is cloudy and there is no shadow, then the bad weather is just about over and we can start planting peas.

My calendar tells me that the first day of Spring this year is Thursday, March 20. For some reason, I don't think the ground hog has much to do with accurate weather forecasting. It's funny though that even in the days of high technology, Doppler weather radar and satellites high in the sky, the weather is still something that man simply cannot change, or even in many cases, predict accurately. Come to think of it, maybe ground hogs are just as good at predicting the weather as weather satellites and fancy computers.

Regardless of their weather forecasting ability, ground hogs are widely known for one reason or the other in our state. In pioneer days, a fat ground hog was sought after for many reasons. The ground hog was considered a great delicacy for the dinner table. Families also utilized ground hog fat to mix with turpentine and made the world's greatest tonic for croup and coughs. Even medical science has acknowledged that ground hog fat is more readily absorbed by the body than many medicines.

Also in pioneer times, ground hogs were prized for their hide. Many children in settlement days were thrilled to wear a pair of shoes made of ground hog hide. Think of how your children today would feel about a new pair of shoes made out of ground hog hide! It was also used for clothing, shoe strings, door hinges and shot pouches.

Ground hogs are thought of in a different way in today's rural culture. Ground hogs are basically cursed by farmers and gardeners for undermining barns, ravaging gardens and mounding up hills in hay fields that can make mowing and baling inconvenient and in some cases, dangerous. Recently the increasing population of coyotes has led to the decrease in population of ground hogs in our area of the state. One of the few positive points for coyotes, I suppose.

Regardless of how you feel toward these critters, have a great Ground Hog Day on Sunday, Feb. 2. With the cold weather we've had recently, we need any reason we can find to celebrate!

Clay City Elementary 3rd Six Weeks Honor Roll

It was brought to our attention that the list we received and ran last month had a mistake in it. So at the request of the school we are proud to run this again - corrected this time. Congratulations to all of those on the list and hopefully more will be joining them next time!

Third Grade

All A's

Hannah Angel
Gavin Bloom
Conner Creech
Kenneth Goodwin
Kimberly Hensley
Charla Lykins
Jamela Noe
Trevor Randall
Elizabeth Robbins
Makenzie Shelton
Elijah Smith
Kaylee Shoemaker
Hunter Townsend

A/Bs

Malachi Beckham
Candice Blackburn
Austin Brandenburg
Conner Campbell
Emily Campbell
Cheyenne Gearheart
Noah Ginter
Destiny Goodwin
Dakota Hall
Jaden Hall
Ayden Harper
Jaden Knowles
Daygan Larrison
Allan Lawson II
Brandon Lawson
Destiny Lawson
Kila Nolan
Jennifer Polk
Sydney Powell
Cashlin Prater
Ethan Ritchie
Evan Rogers
Destiny Sparks
Danica Spencer
Alyssa Tharpe
Conner Todd
Hannah Trent
Sara Ward
Brooklyn Watkins

Fourth Grade

All A's

Devon Ansell

Xavier Bates
Collin Barnes
Chloe Barrett
Jacob Brumley
Joanna Centers
Chandler Congleton
Courtney Conkright
Sarah Conley
Dashayla Esteppe
Christina Fizer
Destinee Fossier
Allison Fouch
Preston Goodwin
Drew Hall
Laken Kincaid
Abby Neal
Rudy Randall
Madison Reffitt
Mason Reffitt
Harlee Rose
Morgan Rose
Carlee Tipton

All A's and B's

Keisha Allen
Logan Baker
Cheyenne Barnes
Gage Barnett
Shelby Barnett
Cameron Brito
Amber Brooks
Henry Chaney
Lucas Clemons
Wesley Collins
Ashley Creech
Derrick Fletcher
Constance Fugate
Raquel Garcia
Emma Ginn
Dylan Griggs
Clayton Hall
Emily Holbrook
Darla Hurley
Mercades Jackson
Seth Johnson
Sierra Johnson
Hannah Lunsford
Haley Maggard
Ariel Means
Colby Miller
Devin Morris
Chenoa Murray

Stephen Norris
Colin Nunes
Logan Reffitt
Landen Reynolds
Paul Rodriguez
Austin Schuler
Summer Sparks
Nancy Stidham
Gabby Tipton
Emma Todd
Anthony Vancleve
Haley Watkins

Fifth Grade

All A's

Kailey Ansell
Kelly Bloom
Bree Bush
Jade Campbell
Amber Clemons
Lauren Everman
Kaitlyn Fouch
Mason Goodpaster
Alexandra Gulley
MaKenzie Johnson
Destiny Randall
Krystell Sanchez
Harley Wilson

All A's and B's

Camea Centers
James Charles
Tyler Charles
Shawna Dunaway
Madison Estes
Xan Ginter
Kellen Greif
Kaitlin Hall
Brianna Hatton
Mia Marcum
Lauren Mullins
Teresa Oliver
Emma Perry
Nicole Polk
Logan Rogers
Sara Scarbro
Jadee Sweet
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A couple of Pirate fans expressed their love and respect for basketball officials at a recent game. Of course, the students were just having a little fun and the referees that night seemed to have fun with it as well.

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Last week's snow, the most we have seen in a couple of years, gave the kids a chance to have some fun. many got to enjoy it for the very first time, with family, friends or their dog. From snow angels to snowmen, the memories made will last a long time. Thanks to everyone for sending in your pictures and we may use more next week. - JC

ARSON

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An empty trailer at 2022 Beech Fork Road went up in flames. The road conditions hampered some firefighters and a fire truck even got stuck at the scene.

The trailer fire has been ruled as probable arson, according to Kentucky State Police Arson Investigator Shane Barnes.

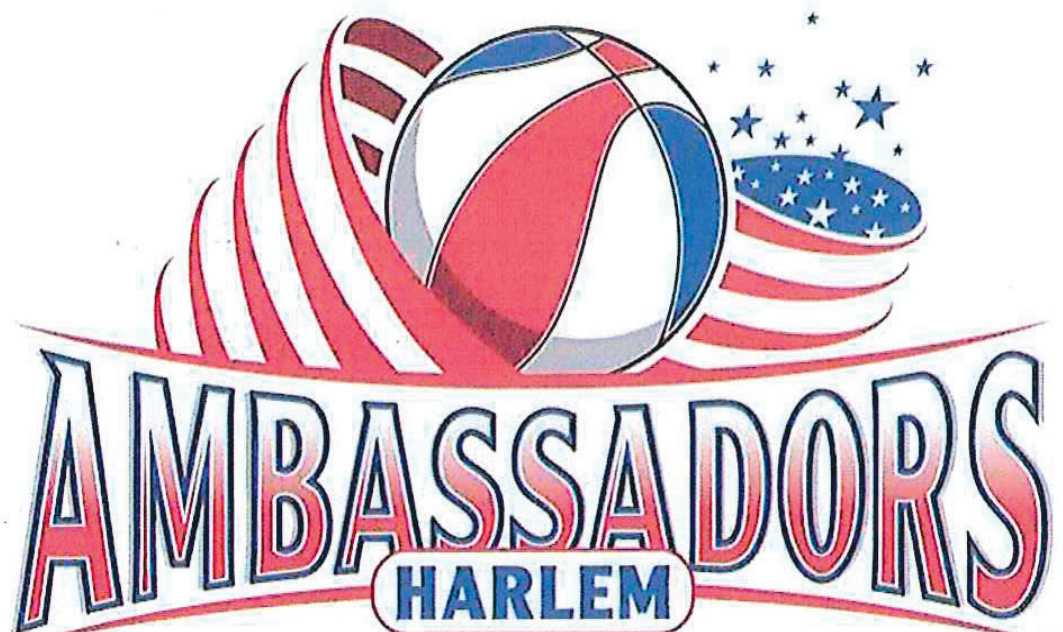
"There was no electric running to the structure," Barnes noted when he sat down with a Time reporter last Thursday to talk about the rash of blazes. "That one looks definitely like an arson."

Clay City Fire Chief Nathan Hall and Stanton Assistant Fire Chief Mike Sparks joined Barnes in the discussion. Both departments, as well as members of the Middelfork Fire Department, have been busy with the fires. Last week alone they fought several structure fires, including an outbuilding in Clay City that housed an outdoor wood-burning unit.

"It is getting bad, not just the weather, but the fires and thinking that some may have been set," Sparks said. Hall agreed, "They are working us pretty hard."

Barnes hopes that publicity will help catch anyone who may be responsible. "We hope that it will either stop the problem or help us catch whoever is responsible."

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